



# News Release

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## **Kittitas County osteopathic physician's license restricted for allegedly signing vaccine exemption waivers without medical justification**

**OLYMPIA** – State health officials restricted the license of Kittitas County osteopathic physician and surgeon Anna Elperin (OP.60576478) pending further legal action.

Elperin allegedly signed COVID-19 vaccine exemption waivers for patients without charting or specifying a medical condition to justify the exemption.

Elperin cannot issue COVID-19 vaccine exemption waivers until charges are resolved. She has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges.

The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link on [Provider Credential Search](#) on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call this number and report their complaint.

The Department of Health and Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery protect and promote public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to people in Washington.

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